

# BRITISH CRASH GERMAN LINES ON SIX MILE FRONT

## MOST NOTABLE ADVANCE SINCE ANGLO-FRENCH OFFENSIVE OF JULY BEGAN ON THE SOMME

(By Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

Smashing the German line on a front of six miles north of the Somme in France, the British forces have made probably the most notable advance since the Anglo-French offensive began July 1.

Three towns, two woods, and the possession of nearly all the high ground between Comblès and the Pozieres-Bapaume road fell to the British. Not only did the Germans lose these points but the British drive imperils the Comblès and Thiepval positions, at either end of the British front. The gaining of the high ground north of Comblès gives the British command of the approaches to Bapaume.

The advance on the northern end of the front was for a distance of two miles. Courcellette, east of Thiepval and north of the Pozieres-Bapaume road and Martinpuich, south of the road, fell into the hands of General Haig's men. Further south they took Fliers and the High Wood, making secure their possession of Ginchy.

The Germans under Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria fought stubbornly to hold their ground, London says, and the fighting was severe all along the line. More than 2,000 prisoners were taken by the British.

Aiding the British in the encirclement of Comblès, the French have taken additional trenches north of Le Prieux.

South of the river three German trenches near Berny-en-Santerre were taken by the French, who also captured 200 prisoners. Berlin claims the repulse of British attacks southeast of Thiepval and of French efforts between Hancourt and the Somme. The official statement admits the loss of Le Prieux farm, west of Bapaume.

In northern Macedonia, the British, French and Serbian armies have gained additional successes, breaking down the Bulgarian defense in the center and on the left wing. French troops took Bulgarian positions a half mile deep on a front of one mile. West of Lake Ostrovo the Serbians captured Malkandze. The British attacked west of the Vardar and also gained ground.

Unofficially it is reported the Bulgarians retreated twelve miles in front of the entire rush and Athens reports the abandonment of Katoria by the Bulgarians. Berlin says entente attacks in the Moglenica sector and east of the Vardar were repulsed.

The Italians have begun a new drive toward Trieste. Lines of Austrian entrenchments east of the Vallone have been taken. Rome reports Italian successes on the Isonzo front, declares the first assault is looked upon as a failure.

In the Dobruja region of Rumania, Bucharest admits that the Russian and Rumanian troops are retiring northward before the advance of the forces of the central powers. Violent fighting is in progress in this region. In Transylvania, however, the Rumanian forces are continuing their progress and have reached the Aluta river northwest of Kronstadt.

There has been no change in the situation of the eastern front from the Carpathians to Riga.

### French Take Trenches

PARIS, Sept. 15.—North of the Somme the French forces today took a system of trenches 500 meters deep from the Germans north of the Leprieux farm, thus with the aid of the British, rendering the encirclement of the town of Comblès closer, says the war office communication issued tonight.

It is added that near Berny-en-Santerre, south of the Somme, three German trenches and 200 prisoners, five of them officers, were captured. Successful aviation operations also were carried out on the Somme front.

### British Make Successes

LONDON, Sept. 15.—The greater part of the Bouleux wood, High Wood, and the towns of Fliers, Martinpuich and Courcellette have been taken by the British, who also have captured all the high ground between Comblès and the Pozieres-Bapaume road, according to today's official communication.

More than 2,000 prisoners were captured. The Belgian steamer Marvel, 1,421 tons, has been sunk, according to an announcement tonight by today's official communication.

A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam says:

"German newspapers announce that Empress Augusta Victoria has been summoned to the eastern front headquarters by Emperor William, and passed through Brüssel yesterday on the journey from Berlin. It would be her first visit to the eastern front."

The Swedish government's reply to the representations of the entente ministers concerning measures to preserve the neutrality of Sweden, territory, is the first official mention of a development that has been much whispered about recently in army circles. Those who have seen the new

### Russians Are Retiring

RUCHAREST, Sept. 15.—(Via Amsterdam to London, Sept. 15.)—Russian and Rumanian troops in the Dobruja region of Rumania are in retirement northward, according to the official communication issued today.

### To Save Monuments

ROME (via Paris), Sept. 15.—Italian hydro-aeroplane attacks on Farenzo and other Austrian aerodromes based were for the purpose of saving the monuments of Venice from destruction by night aeroplane bombardments, it is learned. Italian newspapers admit that the anti-aircraft guns in Venice are powerless against invading attacks and that in a dozen recent Austrian raids a different historical object was struck each time.

### Report 25,000 Men

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 15.—(Via London.)—The Frankfurter Zeitung estimates the strength of the Fourth Greek army corps, which is to be transported to Germany, at 25,000 men. The newspaper believes that the entente allies are deprived of the use of the troops which they might gain if Greece came into the war on their side.

### Company Near Oakdale, This County, Tonight

WILMINGTON, Del., Sept. 15.—Nineteen powder workers were burned, at least six of them seriously, by the explosion of several thousand pounds of smokeless powder at the plant of the Du Pont Powder company at Carney's Point, N. J., tonight.

The flames originated in a blending tower, and while the cause, the opinion is advanced that a piece of metal had fallen into the way into the powder which was being worked through the tower.

Following the first big flare, which lighted up the country for miles around, there were several smaller ones as fresh bins of powder in the tower became ignited. The workmen were burned while fleeing from the building. The tower was destroyed in a few minutes.

### Lightning Causes Explosion

POMPTON LAKES, N. J., Sept. 15.—Three workmen were killed and eight were injured here today when lightning caused an explosion in the full-mine building at the Du Pont de Nemours Powder company's plant. The explosion started a fire.

### Three Are Killed

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 15.—Three persons are known to have been killed and nearly a score injured by an explosion at the plant of the Aetna Chemical

## Race Against Death Most Stirring Of Coast History

## SIGGEST CONTABULARY FOR BORDER CITY CONGRESS GOES AHEAD AGAINST ODDS OF FLAME

### CHICAGO "BEAUTY SQUAD" STARTS AFTER MASHERS

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—A "beauty squad" of police women set out tonight to curb "mashers" in Chicago's downtown district. Four of the most costly women in the police department were ordered to "be shy" patrol the downtown section, first back it flirted with and then arrest.

### RESTRICTION OF TRADE ONLY IN CERTAIN GOODS

LONDON, Sept. 15.—Lord Robert Cecil, minister of war trade, today explained the recent orders of the British government refusing to allow Holland to export further consignments of American goods and refusing letters of assurance that American shipments would reach Scandinavia. He said the orders applied only to certain prohibited articles and not to trade in general.

Great Britain has forbidden the export of various articles to European neutrals on the ground that they have already received in the first seven months of this year more than an ordinary year's supply. Lord Robert said it was not logical to forbid such exports from Great Britain and to permit them from America and other neutral sources.

Lord Robert explained that one neutral nation, taking normally 18,000 tons of coffee in seven months of this year, already has imported 50,000 tons, and all further imports of coffee to that country are looked upon as likely to reach an enemy destination. The list of prohibited articles, he said, varies with different countries, according to what they already had imported, and allowances being made for imports formerly destined to German ports.

There is reason to believe the American commissioners have sought to impress their Mexican conferees with the view that Mexico must recognize responsibility for the depredations her nationals may commit on the border if good relations are to be unimpaired. The whole question of creating a non-military force to hunt down bandits in their hill retreats is based on this principle, and it is believed the suggestion that the Carranza government undertake this task for itself as an international obligation came from the Mexican commissioners.

The theory is that a force of carefully selected mounted police could be disposed in small posts in the hill country. The chase would become an individual pursuit rather than a military movement which would be ineffective if the bandits scatter and mingle with peaceful residents. The police would check up the comings and goings of every man in a suspected community. Moving out by any number of women camp followers, it is believed, a Mexican military force could do much toward putting a stop to banditry.

The American commissioners are not disposed to stand upon any technical laws but to deal with the situation as one of fact, taking into consideration social and economic conditions.

Other questions it has been planned to discuss next week are plans for the consideration of claims of American citizens against Mexico; allegations of expropriation of property in Mexico; and the question of the property of American citizens in Mexico, which has not been returned to them by the Carranza government.

Later advice saying that only certain unnamed commodities would be affected by the new order, state department officials are investigating an arrangement effected by Great Britain and France for establishment of a bureau to effect an exchange of merchandise on the list of prohibited countries.

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### SIMILAR TO THE RURALES OF THE REGIME OF DIAZ

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NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 15.—A suggestion that the Mexican government create a constabulary for border duty similar to the rurales of the Diaz regime was made today during a brief session of the American-Mexican joint commission concluding the second week of its deliberations. Apparently the plan for a joint police force previously discussed was abandoned as impracticable after the commissioners had conferred with Major General Tasker H. Bliss, of the United States army.

The three Mexican commissioners left for New York tonight to join in the celebration there tomorrow of the Mexican national holiday, arranged by consular officials. Dr. John R. Mott, of the American commission, is absent on personal business, but his assistants, Secretary Lane and Judge Gray, are devoting their time to a study of telegraphic reports from the border and the interior of Mexico, transmitted by the state and war departments.

General Bliss, it was learned, made the joint commission a dispassionate statement of the situation he believed would follow General Pershing's withdrawal from Mexico before a properly constituted constabulary is created to relieve his troops. It is understood he pointed out problems in the way of an effort to create a border police under dual authority.

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### EIGHTY THOUSAND MAY GO ON STRIKE

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NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Eighty thousand workers in crafts closely affiliated with the operation on New York's traction lines are expected to go on strike by Monday, it was announced at the close of a meeting of the Central Federated Union here tonight. Representatives of 400,000 unionized employees were at the meeting, and passed a resolution calling on each trade to ascertain the sentiment of members regarding a general strike in sympathy with the car men.

A decision on the question of a sympathetic strike of 70,000 workers in trades closely affiliated with the operation of New York's traction lines was expected late tonight. A referendum has been in progress among many of the crafts for several days, and if the sympathetic strike is authorized, union leaders predict it will be the most effective blow that could be dealt in the carmen's strike that has been in progress since September 4 on the elevated, subway and surface lines of the city.

The trades in which the referendum has been in progress, it is said, include longshoremen, masters power house employees, janitory workers and firemen and machinists. The only craft upon which figures were available tonight was the machinists and it was said their vote showed about 70 per cent of the membership favoring a sympathetic strike.

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### CONGRESS GOES AHEAD AGAINST ODDS OF FLAME

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MARSHFIELD, Ore., Sept. 15.—The race against death of the liner Congress which the steamship caught on fire late Thursday was one of the most stirring events in the history of the Pacific coast shipping, according to officers of the vessel here tonight.

As soon as the seriousness of the fire became known the ship's bow was turned toward Coos Bay at full steam ahead. Despite the efforts of the crew the fire gained headway and the smoke belched forth from every aperture in increasing volume.

On the bridge Captain Cousins, veteran navigator, stood calmly issuing orders and calling down reassurances to the terrified passengers. Mrs. Margaret Reig, of New Orleans, suddenly feeling the soles of her feet warmed by the blistering deck, became hysterical with terror. "Madam, there is no danger," Captain Cousins called to her. "All of you will be landed safely."

Just as he spoke a sweating man appeared from below. "Chief Engineer Martland has disappeared," he reported, "and one of his assistants has been overcome."

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